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Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary

Honorable M chael K Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 8-B201

Dear Charge bell we

Washington, D.C. 20554

Currently pending before the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") is an application for the merger of Univision Communications Inc. and Hispanic Broadcasting Corporation. The application was filed over one year ago, and the Commission has not yet issued a decision.

In 20(0, the FCC implemented a 180-day merger timetable "to ensure that even the most complex transactions are processed in 180 days. . . ." While a slight extension of the 180-day period may be understandable and reasonable in some cases, this merger review has now taken twice as long

I urge the Commission to complete the processing of the application as quickly as possible and issue your decision.

With best wishes.

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